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Varna Naval Base Workshops

1. The workshops employ approximately 375 persons who work one 8-hour shift. Spare parts for the engines of the various naval ships based at Varna are made at these shops which are divided into the following sections: (See page 4.)
 - a. Finishing section, employs 70 workers, consists of seven machines for finishing spare parts for motors and 15 machines for making gear wheels, drillings and borings;
 - b. Lathe section, employs 22 workers, operates 13 lathes and four grinding machines;
 - c. Blacksmith section, employs six workers and possesses one machine press;
 - d. Foundry section, employs 25 workers and possesses four furnaces for melting iron; and
 - e. Electric welding, fitting-out, electric and boiler repair sections: these are restricted workshops to which entry is forbidden; the combined strength of these sections 250 persons.

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2. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] officials and employees; [REDACTED]
- a. Captain Atanasov, head of the Workshops. Naval officer. [REDACTED]
- b. Tsvetan Peshev, head foreman and chief technician of the lathe section. [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM
- c. A certain Pencho (lnu), head of the finishing section. [REDACTED]
- d. A certain Mihal (lnu), head of the blacksmith section. [REDACTED]
- e. Iliya Konstantinov, foremen in the lathe section. [REDACTED]
- f. A certain Kolarov, another foreman in the lathe section. [REDACTED]
4. The workshops are guarded by employees of the various sections who work during the day and take turns performing guard duty at night. Strangers desiring entrance to any of the workshops must obtain a permit from the head of the repair yard.

Naval Personnel at Varna

5. During June and July 1951 all Naval reserve officers were recalled for six months service.
6. Seamen below the rank of petty officer were recalled during January and February 1952 for three months service. The reserves, except the ordinary seamen, were given refresher training at the Non-commissioned Officer's School at the Varna Naval Base. Ordinary seamen were trained at barracks called Ovra, situated behind the repair workshops. Approximately 2,000 seamen are quartered at the Naval Base, divided into two groups and housed in different buildings which are located next to the repair workshops. The experienced seamen are quartered in a yellow, one-story building, 200 meters long and 30 meters wide. Seamen recruits are housed in a one-story, white building, 50 meters long. Experienced seamen serve aboard the various vessels based at Varna; recruits are trained before serving aboard ships.

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Naval Ships at Varna

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a. Seven or eight minelayers, based at Varna, each armed with a heavy machine gun;

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b. Approximately 45 torpedo boats, each armed with two machine guns;

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c. One destroyer, the GEORGI DIMITROV, based at Varna;

three or four guns of unknown size aboard

the ship had a crew of 300; and

d. Four smaller vessels of an unknown type, anchored in the harbor during the summer of 1951 near the GEORGI DIMITROV: each of these ships was armed with four guns;

they came from the USSR. 50X1-HUM

Merchant Ships at Varna

8. During 1951 two or three Soviet cargo vessels visited Varna monthly and in September 1951 ZIS trucks being unloaded from Soviet ships. There were no merchant ships in the harbor.

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9. Two passenger vessels, the EMONA and KALIAKRA, operated between Varna and other towns on the Black Sea coast.

Bulgarian Military Units in Varna and Svishtov

10. The 8 Infantry Regiment is located at Varna.

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11.

a. The barracks of 33 Infantry Regiment at Svishtov were used to house officer candidates for the Bulgarian Air Force as well as personnel of 33 Infantry Regiment¹; and

b. The Infantry Officer's School in Levski accepted candidates who had completed the seventh grade and gave them five or six years of training in the school.

1. Comment:

the Svishtov Military Engineer School occupied the barracks in Svishtov which were formerly occupied by the 33 Infantry Regiment.

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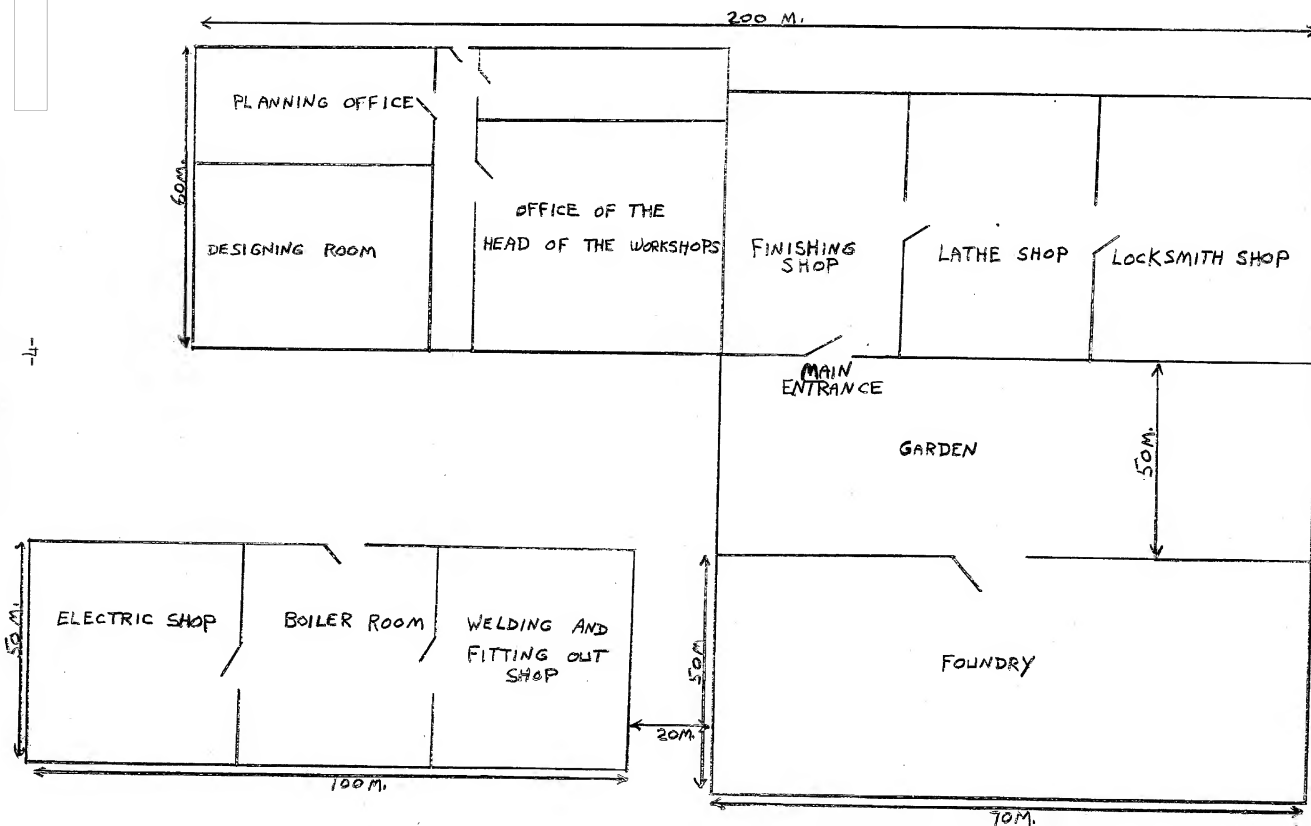
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SKETCH OF THE INTERIOR LAYOUT OF THE NAVAL WORKSHOPS AT VARNA

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